Martin Tells Legislature:

Draw Line on Welfare Or All Will Need Aid

Social assistance must have a cut-off point, health and welfare minister Eric Martin told the legislature yesterday.

"We can't have it so that the taxpayer is so loaded he'll have to apply for social assistance himself."

The minister said his government has been pressing the federal government to create jobs so that "these people will have jobs instead of social assistance cheques."

WORK OR GO HUNGRY

He said that it was unfortunate that "under the peculiar financial system we have," a man either has a job or he goes hungry.

With the recent winning of Columbia River downstream benefits, "the Social Credit government has scored one of the greatest triumphs in the history of this province," Mr. Martin said.

"Its benefits will go down all through the ages."

MONOPOLY MANIA

Mr. Martin said the "greatest threat to the people of this province is the Socialists with their mania for monopolies. They would curtail our liberties."

The health and welfare minister was constantly heckled by the CCF during his hour-long speech.

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'Monopolist' CCFers His Target

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In his attack on the Socialists, Mr. Martin said:

"The CCF is against the taxpayer . . . against progress in B.C. But we will go ahead despite this and open up this province."

'WE LIKE YOU'

"That's all right . . . we like you," said one CCF backbencher.

"That'll be a frosty Friday when a Socialist likes me," said Mr. Martin. "Please don't like me in public."

"We like you despite yourself," said the CCFer.

SPEAKER ORDERS

Speaker of the House several times ordered the CCF to stop interrupting the minister and also told Mr. Martin to address the Speaker rather than the CCF members.

But Mr. Martin was addressing the CCF members when he said:

"The contingent liabilities are self-liquidating but you don't seem to have the intelligence to understand this.

"How you got elected, I don't know," he added.

Regarding a recent statement by a CCF member that Premier Bennett has a mania for reducing debt, the minister said:

"He hasn't got a mania because he's not a maniac.

COUPON-CLIPPERS

"We've got the debt charges down to $13,500,000," Mr. Martin said, still addressing the CCFers.

"And when we get rid of the debt altogether, your friends, the coupon-clippers, will be deprived of that pleasure."

At this the CCF members said in unison—"They're not our friends."

EVIL INFLUENCE

Mr. Martin paused to say "they (CCF) exert an evil, hypnotic influence over me."

"It's self-hypnosis," was the rejoinder.

When the debt has gone, said Mr. Martin, "then we'll have all that money to spend in this province."

AGAINST TAXPAYERS

"And you Socialists object to this . . . you stand against the taxpayers."

The health and welfare minister said the government's record on public power was "a very, very good one . . . and we are prepared to spend more . . ."

Only Difference Is Personalities—Turner

It's Time You Got Together Anti-Socialist Parties Told

All That Talk Just Memory

The Throne Speech debate in the legislature ended yesterday after 46 MLAs and cabinet ministers had spoken some hundreds of thousands of words.

They offered recommendations, asked for projects to be undertaken in their constituencies, praised and criticized the government.

But not one of their words was officially recorded. Except for newspaper reports and notes taken by some MLAs, the speeches have now passed into memory.

If members of the three private enterprise parties would only get together, the country would be better off, the legislature was told yesterday.

"I think it is time they got together, provincially at least," said Arthur Turner (CCF-Vancouver East).

"There are only conflicting personalities, not conflicting principles."

In what seemed to be an obvious reference to Victoria Liberal member George Gregory's speech on power last week, he said:

"I started to nurse notions that he would cross the floor.

"He wouldn't have to change his speeches . . . only the outside label would be different.

"As everyone knows, many Liberals and Tories have found resting and nesting places in the present government party."

Mr. Turner said Labor Minister Lyle Wicks didn't tell the whole story about compulsory arbitration in Great Britain.

"The workers there retain the right to strike," he said. "That's what the minister didn't tell the House."

The CCF member said that "obviously no program of public works can do anything but alleviate the worst features of unemployment."

"We must aim for a national investment board coupled with over-all planning.

"If private capital cannot effect corrective measures," he said, "then public money and credit must be used to create and distribute wealth."

He said "more especially is this necessary because the laws of supply and demand no longer operate."

Harding Recalls 1945 Bennett Speech

'Vision' Vanished?

Setting up of the B.C. Power Commission "must eventually lead to the entire control of all hydro resources in this province."

This was the "vision" of Premier Bennett in 1945 when he spoke in support of the Coalition government move to set up the power commission, according to Randolph Harding (CCF—Kaslo Slocan).

"I don't know what's happened to this vision," Mr. Harding told the House yesterday, "because this government is off the track of public power if any government is."

The CCF member said this province made "one of its most tragic mistakes" in 1945 by not buying the B.C. Electric Company as the CCF advised.

"And the people of B.C. could have been getting power for one-half what they are paying today."

Mr. Harding said he was ashamed of some of the remarks made in the House on labor. "It reminds me of the Tory party of 80 years ago."

He also said that his constituents expected him to make sure "no other concessions were handed out" by former lands and forests minister Robert Sommers.

"We must look into and examine and check every single contract that passed over that minister's desk," said Mr. Harding.

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Labor Wars Must Stop Mines Minister Says

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five years. He now is appealing.

Mr. Kiernan spoke after Randolph Harding (CCF—Kaslo-Slocan) said government handling of the case was "tardy, weak and inept" and that every contract which went across the former minister's desk should be looked into.

The minister said a "more ruthless attitude on the part of the government toward the former minister, from a political standpoint, might have been expedient."

TO WOLVES

But "we are not in the habit of throwing people to the wolves just to provide a spectacle—no matter how it might appeal to some instincts."

Mr. Kiernan said he made no attempt to judge or justify the actions of Sommers but he strongly criticized CCF leader Robert Strachan for using "tar brush tactics" in the case.

"It's better than the whitewash brush," said a CCF backbencher.

"For any person who aspires to be the prime minister of this province to resort to such tactics, I suggest will have effectively precluded any possibility of the honorable member from Cowichan-Newcastle ever realizing his ambition."

Socred members pounded their desks at this. Mr. Strachan said nothing.

Mr. Kiernan said the attorney-general had a dual responsibility, to see that individuals are not unreasonably charged as well as to see that the guilty are punished. If an open and shut case had existed against Sommers, his accusers "were at no time debarred from laying charges on their own initiative."

"I prefer in short to take a chance on being deceived occasionally rather than accepting the impossible proposition that I shall trust no man lest someone should deceive me."

Earlier Mr. Harding told the House he did not think the case revolving around the former minister was over by any means.

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Names in the News

Brawny Wally Pays His Debt

MELBOURNE — The law caught up with 41-year-old **Wally Hollis** after 28 years when police demanded payment of an 11-shilling fine for playing hookey from school.

Hollis, now a brawny stevedore, said he had no idea what he did during the two weeks he and his sister stayed away from school when he was 13. His mother had been fined but moved away before paying.

"A man can be dead unlucky," he said as he paid his long-standing debt to society.

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WASHINGTON—Vice-President **Richard M. Nixon** is nursing two cracked ribs as the result of a fall on the icy steps of his home.

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MOSCOW — Premier **Nikita S. Khrushchev** said he did not give **Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey** any inside information on Communist party affairs. "Anybody who is in the least acquainted with Marxism-Leninism will understand that a confidential talk with Humphrey on problems of the policy of Communist parties is unthinkable," he told the party congress.

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WASHINGTON — Singer **Paul Robeson** won a battle to escape taxation on the $25,000 Stalin Peace Prize he received in 1953. Robeson, 60, now is seriously ill in Moscow.

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VANCOUVER — Funeral service will be held here Saturday for **William H. Tobey**, former general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. He died Tuesday.

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LONDON — **Terry Dene**, rock 'n' roll idol of British teenagers, has been "transferred to a civilian mental hospital" after serving two days in the army.

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NEW DELHI — Premier **Mohammed Daud** of Afghanistan was met by Prime Minister **Jawarhalal Nehru** and a cheering crowd on his arrival for an official state visit.

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OSLO — Cabinet maker **Casper Caspersen**, accused of stealing paintings by famed Norwegian artist **Edward Munch**, was found innocent after he painted a near-perfect facsimile of one of Munch's works in court.

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VATICAN CITY — **Pope John** will attend the congregation of rites which will take a final vote on the beatification of a Canadian nun next Tuesday. Nun, whose two miracles will be voted on, is **Marguerite de Frost de la Jammeraise**, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal.

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OTTAWA — **Norval A. Parker** has been appointed Master of the Royal Canadian Mint.

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PARIS—Canadian ambassador to France **Pierre Dupuy** will take part in ceremonies at Montpellier, France, today commemorating the 203rd anniversary of the departure for Canada of French **General Louis Joseph Marquis de Montcalm.**

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OTTAWA — **Willy Brandt**, mayor of West Berlin, arrived in Ottawa for talks with **Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Governor-General Massey** and **External Affairs Minister Smith** on renewed Soviet pressure on Berlin.

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NEW YORK — **Una O'Connor**, 78, stage and screen character actress, died following a lengthy illness.

Liberals Aim for Equality Of Native, New Canadians

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons Thursday night reached no definite conclusion after a day-long debate on a legal provision for revoking the citizenship of naturalized Canadians who refuse to return to this country to stand trial for treason.

Efforts by the Liberals to delete the provision and two attempts by them to refer the matter to Commons committees foundered on a ruling by the chair and then on the adjournment of the sitting.

Citizenship Minister Fairclough sat through most of the debate without participating.

During the debate, Nicholas Mandkiuk, Ukrainian-born Progressive Conservative MP for Marquette, Man., said there is no room in Canadian citizenship ranks for "Quislings and traitors" who refuse to return to face treason charges.

J. W. Pickersgill (L-Bonavista-Twillingate), former citizenship minister, precipitated the debate with a private bill. He urged that naturalized Canadians be given a "psychological feeling of complete equality" with native-born Canadians so far as citizenship is concerned.

A native Canadian who refuses to return to face treason charges does not lose his citizenship under present Canadian law.

At the night sitting, Leon Crestohl (L-Montreal Cartier) proposed an amendment, with Mr. Pickersgill's agreement, that instead of the Commons proceeding with the bill a committee be instructed to draft a bill that would ensure complete equality between Canadian-born and naturalized citizens.

Acting Speaker Charles Rae later ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that 48 hours notice had not been given of a motion for the appointment of a special committee.

Mr. Pickersgill's bill would remove one of the last grounds by which citizenship of a naturalized Canadian can be revoked.

The bill would allow a court to revoke citizenship obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

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'People' Meet Queen Or Just Officialdom?

OTTAWA (UPI)—Pressure is building up on the government to make the Queen's upcoming Canadian tour more of a meet-the-people trip and less of a dyed-in-the-wool "royal occasion."

Government spokesmen have said several times that as much as possible is being done to ensure that the Queen really sees the "little people"—for one of the few times on any of her increasingly frequent overseas journeys.

But several members of Parliament indicated they are far from satisfied that enough is being done. They also are concerned that despite government assurances, her schedule is too tough and in some respects unrealistic.

At least one member of the opposition is reported to feel so strongly about the issues that he will boycott royal functions in his constituency. He declined use of his name.

Storm Brews Over Jets

OTTAWA (UPI)—A political storm brewed yesterday over attempts to sell surplus Canadian war planes to foreign countries.

Merle Znehike, an official of Flightways, Inc., South Bend, Wis., was expected here in the next few days to press for the release of 12 British-built Canadian Vampire jets he was trying to sell to the Dominican Republic.

There also were reports that Argentina was negotiating to buy 75 Sabre jtes from Canadair Limited, Montreal.

The government has refused to issue an export permit to allow Flightways to export the planes to the Dominican Republic.

John D. Silent On Talks

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker declined Thursday to make a statement in the Commons on his recent private talks with Premier Bennett of British Columbia.

He told Harold Winch (CCF-Vancouver East) that he has not seen newspaper reports quoting Mr. Bennett as saying the two government leaders had reached agreement on the development of the Columbia River and on additional federal aid for forestry roads and forest fire protection in the province.

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